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This is an information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), i.e., after a Final Rejection, but before a Notice of Allowance.

Attached are copies of five Japanese patent documents, which were first cited in the attached Japanese Office Action dated June 20, 2006, issued in connection with the counterpart Japanese patent application. Also attached are English-language abstracts of respective ones of the publications and an English-language translation of the Japanese Office Action, from which any relevance of the documents may be gleaned. The publications are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Also listed for consideration on the attached Form PTO-1449 are two US patents Nos. 6,861,284 and 6,762,075, which correspond to the Japanese patent publications Nos. 2001-177045 and 2002-343927, respectively, and from which any further relevance of the publications can be gleaned.

It is brought to the Examiner's attention that JP 2000-208556s, which was also cited in the Japanese Office Action, was previously listed on the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the IDS filed in the US Patent and Trademark Office on October 31, 2003, with the filing of the present application.

As required by 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), it is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the IDS was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97, the \$180 fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is included in a remittance that is being submitted concurrently herewith. Should this remittance be accidentally missing or insufficient, however, or should any additional fees be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account Number 18-0002, and notify us accordingly.

Consideration of the listed documents respectfully is requested.

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